

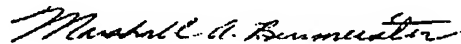
REMARKS

The specification has been amended to correct formal matters including spelling errors, improper capitalization and consistency in the use of italics for bacteria. The claims have been amended to show bacteria in italics for formal reasons and to be consistent with the specification. No change effecting the merits of the subject matter has been made.

It was noted that page 2 of the Amendment filed October 4, 2005 contains an erroneous instruction to "replace the first complete paragraph on page 5 of the specification" with an amended paragraph. It is the first complete paragraph on page 6 that should be replaced by the amended paragraph, and it would be appreciated if the Examiner will note this correction in the file

It is believed that this application as amended is proper in form and directed to patentable subject matter. It is requested that this amendment be entered.

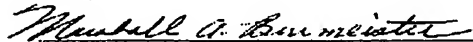
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